

poster ABSTRACT

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TITLE

THE NATIONAL WORKGROUP ON CARBON MONOXIDE SURVEILLANCE: COLLABORATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE

TRACK

Network Content

OBJECTIVES

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SUMMARY

The National Workgroup on Carbon Monoxide Surveillance (NWCOS) was formed in April 2005, because of interest among EPHT grantees in CO poisoning as an EPHT content area. CO poisoning is an ideal tracking topic because: the relationship between the hazard and outcome is clear and acute; states have data sources for tracking; case data in real-time to identify ongoing exposure; the data can potentially be incorporated into a national network, to be used for policy-making and program planning; much remains unknown for effective prevention.

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Goals:

1. Build a sustainable, national, system for CO surveillance,
2. Standardize methodology for routine and disaster-related CO surveillance,
3. Promote programs for prevention/education of CO poisoning.

Membership: 8 EPHT grantees; other federal and academic partners.

Structure:

- Monthly meetings, (via conference calls and in person at EPHT or CSTE meetings);
- 2 co-chairs develop agendas and facilitate meetings;
- Subgroups formed around specific work products.

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Implementing The Tracking Network

Accomplishments:

- Produced a whitepaper “Carbon Monoxide: A Model Environmental Public Health Indicator”;
- Collaborating with CDC on:
 - Evaluating of national case definitions;
 - National conference CO poisoning (July-2006);
 - Conducted a session and 2 roundtable discussions on CO surveillance at CSTE (June 2006)

Planned activities:

- Make recommends and develop guidelines for standardizing CO surveillance.

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